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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of:  
PCT/AT 00/00255

HELMUT BACHER, et al.

Application No.: Not yet assigned

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For: METHOD AND APPRATUS FOR  
RECYCLING PET-MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111  
March 22, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended, clean versions of the indicated claims (a marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment):

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3. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that also the temperature of the main processing step is kept below the plasticizing temperature of the PET-material.

4. (amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that for PET-pieces and/or milled PET-bottles the pre-processing step, that preferably is performed under environmental pressure, is performed at a temperature range of 140 to 190°C, preferably 150 to 160°C, and at simultaneous mechanic treatment or, respectively, applying power that causes heating, by means of at least one mixing and/or comminuting element, wherein the